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BOOK REVIEWS

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NURSES' HANDBOOK OF DRUGS AND SOLUTIONS. By Julia C. Stimson, R.N., A.B. Graduate of the New York Hospital Training School for Nurses; Formerly Superintendent of Nurses, Harlem Hospital of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York City; Head of the Department of Nursing and Social Service, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. Revised Edition. Whitcomb and Barrows. Boston. Price $1.00.

The field of Materia Medica is constantly subject to change. The favorite drugs of yesterday are not used today and those in use at present are liable to be soon superseded by still newer ones, consequently, Miss Stimson after four years has revised her handbook, or rather has had it revised by Dr. Dennis E. Jackson, Ph.D., Associate in Pharmacology of Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, Mo.

OVER-CROWDING AND DEFECTIVE HOUSING IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS. By Dr. Harvey B. Bashmore, Inspector of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Author of The Sanitation of Recreation Camps and Parks, Outlines of Practical Sanitation. New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., London: Chapman and Hall, Limited. Price, $1.00.

We venture to say that very many of the readers of this little book will be surprised to learn that the great evil of overcrowding and defective housing is not peculiar to cities. Dr. Bashmore reveals a deplorable condition of living among the poor in the country districts; and not only among the poor, some of the worst cases cited he found in comparatively well-to-do people, the reasons being, in the latter cases, lack of help and an effort to economize labor, heat, etc. The chief cause of defective housing is laid to the cupidity of the landlord who, while he desires to get 10 or 12 per cent out of his invested money, does not want to spend any of its earnings on the property itself. Dr. Bashmore sees hope for a remedy of the evils of which he writes, in a popular educational crusade which is to be maintained through the press, the schools, the health boards, etc., until all classes are taught that "it pays in real dollars and cents to live in sanitary homes." Incident-